

35. A system as defined in Claim 32, wherein the axis upon which the first frame assembly and the second frame assembly are rotatable comprises a horizontal axis.--

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 14 through 35 are currently pending in the present application, including independent Claims 14, 26 and 32. The claims are generally directed to a system for folding webs, such as webs used to form facial tissues, napkins, wipes, and the like. The system includes a first set of folding boards secured to a first frame assembly and a second set of folding boards secured to a second frame assembly. In accordance with the present invention, each frame assembly is rotatable about an axis for simultaneously moving the first set of folding boards and the second set of folding boards between a web-receiving position and an inactive position. In this manner, the system is capable of receiving a paper web and imparting a fold thereto using the first set of folding boards while replacing the second set of folding boards, with a particular size or configuration that is to be used in the future.

In the Office Action, all of the claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103 over U.S. Patent No. 3,401,927 to Frick in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,513,743 to Montquire. In response, Applicant respectfully submits that the presently pending claims patentably define over Frick and/or Montquire and respectfully requests reconsideration.

Frick discloses a longitudinal folding board. In particular, Frick describes a left hand folding board as shown in figures 1 through 9 and a right hand folding board as shown in figures 10 and 11.

Contrary to the currently pending claims, Frick fails to disclose or suggest a first set of folding boards secured to a first frame assembly and a second set of folding boards secured to a second frame assembly and wherein the first frame assembly and the second frame assembly are rotatable about an axis for simultaneously moving the first and second set of folding boards between a web-receiving position and an inactive position. Instead, as particularly shown in Figure 8, Frick merely teaches a single folding board mounted to a Table 29.

The secondary reference cited in the Office Action, Montquire, fails to disclose or suggest even the use of a folding board. Instead, Montquire is directed to a multiple-head slitting apparatus for slitting steel and other metallic and non-metallic materials. The slitting apparatus disclosed in Montquire includes four slitter heads mounted on a rotatable turntable.

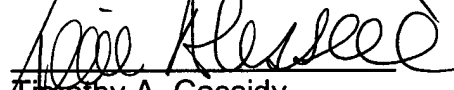
Applicant submits that it would not have been obvious to somehow replace any of the elements disclosed in Frick, such as the table 29, with the rotatable turntable disclosed in Montquire that is particularly adapted for carrying slitter heads. In fact, it is not even clear how the web folding board disclosed in Frick would or could be combined with the slitting apparatus disclosed in Montquire. Further, there is simply no motivation, suggestion or incentive to combine the two references as asserted in the Office Action absent hindsight reconstruction of the present invention. As such,

Applicant submits that the claims as currently pending patentably define over the combination of Frick and Montquire.

In summary, Applicant believes that the present application is in complete condition for allowance and that the claims patentably define over the prior art of record. As such, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Examiner Desai is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned, however, should any issues remain after consideration of this amendment.

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